



Public Health Advisory Board meeting minutes

June 8, 2023, 3:00-5:30 pm

Attendance

Board members present: Marie Boman-Davis, Mike Baker, Bob Dannenhoffer, Veronica Irvin, Jackie Leung, Meghan Chancey, Sarah Present, Jocelyn Warren, Erica Sandoval, Jawad Khan, Jeanne Savage, Kelle Little, Nic Powers

Board members excused: Rachael Banks, Ryan Petteway, Dean Sidelinger

OHA Staff for PHAB: Tamby Moore, Sara Beaudrault, Charina Walker, Cara Biddlecom, Danna Drum, Victoria Demchak, Virginia Luka, Kusuma Madamala

Welcome and introductions

- PHAB members, subcommittee and workgroup members and staff introduced themselves
- Cara and Veronica attended Oregon Health Public Board committee meeting.
 - Discussed charter and bylaws with committee. All changes were approved besides some minor language changes.
 - Recognized no representative from OHPB is not currently on PHAB. Working to fill the position.
 - Recognized and proud of all work done especially during pandemic
- Motion to approve May meeting minutes was put forth by Jawad Khan. Erica Sandoval seconded the motion. All in attendance approved May meeting minutes.

Public health modernization accountability metrics

Presentation by Sara Beaudrault, Elliott Moon and Julie Sifuentes

- Environmental Health Proposal
 - One recommendation in a single bundle
 - Priority area – Climate planning, adaptation, and resilience
 - Recommended indicators
 - Summer heat related morbidity & mortality
 - Wildfire smoke related air quality
 - Drinking water security
 - Developmental: Mental Health effects of climate change
 - Rationale:
 - Bundled priorities reflect intersections in climate related threats and challenges
 - Affects a range in topics & issues that are relevant statewide
 - Strong indication of support from communities
 - Opportunities for LPHA & OHA interventions for all topics
 - Alignment with other statewide initiatives
 - Alignment with Healthy People 2030 objectives
- Summer heat morbidity & mortality
 - Priority
 - Extreme heat on rise
 - 157 deaths in 2021 & 2022 total compared with 1 to 4 heat related deaths per year in the previous decade
 - Environmental threats disproportionately impact communities of color, tribal and lower income
 - Racist housing policies relegated these communities to areas with increased heat exposure and less access to protections
 - Systematic educational disinvestment and lack of oversight results in jobs with greater exposure to environmental hazards
 - Summer heat is community priority
 - CBOs and interested community members identified extreme heat as one of their top concerns
 - Extreme heat also emerged as a top concern in qualitative finds of survey sent out, especially from people who identified as people of color.

- OHA currently funding 37 CBOs that are engaged in climate resilience. Many LPHAs also working with community partners on this.
 - Recent legislative investments in household cooling & air filtration interventions
 - New OSHA heat rules for outdoor work activities effective June 15, 2022
- Air Quality
 - Priority
 - Wildfires are primary contributor to summer air pollution across Oregon
 - Frequency and intensity of wildfires in Oregon have been increasing
 - Many areas experience cumulative wildfire smoke impacts & exposure to hazardous year after year
 - Disproportionate wildfire smoke impacts measured by Emergency Department and Urgent care visits have been experienced by people of color & Hispanic
 - Most likely to have health effect
 - Sensitive group
 - Chronic respiratory, cardiovascular & other chronic conditions
 - 64 years old and/or older
 - Infant & children
 - Pregnant people
 - People who smoke
 - Vulnerable
 - People working outdoors (migrant & seasonal agricultural workers)
 - Exercising or working at levels increasing breathing intake
 - Persons experiencing homelessness
 - Person in low income
 - Air quality community priority

- CBOs and interested community members identified extreme heat as one of their top concerns
 - Air quality also emerged as a top concern in qualitative finds of survey sent out, especially from people who identified as people of color.
 - OHA currently funding 37 CBOs that are engaged in climate resilience adaptation actions
 - Recent legislative investments in household air purifiers
 - New OSHA heat rules for outdoor work activities effective June 15, 2022
- Drinking Water
 - Priority
 - Equitable access to adequate supplies of clean and safe water essential to human health & wellness
 - Oregon changing climate, aging water infrastructures, socioeconomic conditions & community design have a negative impact on access to safe & affordable water
 - Populations experiencing houselessness, lower income, rural communities, tribal communities, migrant communities & communities served by private wells, surface water intakes or very small water systems more than likely to experience threats to water access & quality
 - Community Priority
 - Oregon Water Futures facilitated conversation with communities impacted by water issues, concerns around water quality and cost
 - CBOs & interested communities members identified water security one of the top concerns
 - Water Security emerged as a top concern in qualitative finds of survey sent out, especially from people who identified as people of color.
- Mental Health effects of climate change
 - No data really to back up the claim but has been brought up as a concern

- Effects of climate change on mental health & wellbeing are not isolated but interact with other social & environmental determinants of health including race and income
- Livelihoods & cultural identities are negatively affected by Oregon changing landscapes & disproportionately effect farmworkers, fishers, tribal & indigenous communities. Youth with anxiety and depression are at higher risk.
- Comments
 - Goal to give LPHAs the ability to access & assess data for the priorities as well as the communities in the state
 - Data on domestic wells is very limited to be able to work on it currently but will investigate it in the future with better data
 - Suggestion of changing language of climate to something else
 - Suggestion to use what exactly the issues are currently (extreme heat, air quality, water)
 - Using the word environmental instead as climate has a negative impact
- Voting for environmental health proposal bundle for extreme heat, drinking water, & smoke as well as the indicators on the slides that were presented.
 - Bob Dannenhoffer put a motion forward to adopt “Extreme heat, wildfire smoke and water”. Jeanne Savage Second the motion
 - The motion passed as follows.
 - Marie Boman-Davis - yes
 - Mike Baker - no
 - Bob Dannenhoffer - yes
 - Veronica Irvin - yes
 - Jackie Leung - yes
 - Meghan Chancey - yes
 - Sarah Present - yes
 - Jocelyn Warren - yes
 - Erica Sandoval - yes
 - Jawad Khan - yes
 - Jeanne Savage - yes
 - Kelle Little - yes
 - Nic Powers - yes

Legislative updates

Presented by Cara Biddlecom

- SB965A – Recommendation to add four new governor-appointed seats to PHAB has passed both houses & waiting for governor signature
- 5525 OHA budget bill went through both committees and passed. Still sitting in House due to Republican walk out

PHAB retreat planning

Presented by Lillian Tsai and Thomas Bruner

- Reviewed proposed agenda
 - Offered two options for a start time. 1st option was starting at 9 and ending at 3pm. 2nd option was starting early and leaving by 2pm.
 - All people agreed to an earlier start time to be able to leave earlier.
 - Suggestion of defining a safe space in the beginning
 - Changes made to agenda to discuss who we are as PHAB, accomplishments over the last several years, what is PHAB, what is currently in PHAB's control, and how to succeed as a PHAB member
 - An updated agenda will be sent out to get final approval

Public health modernization investments and improvements, 2021-23

Presented by Victoria Demchak & Virginia Luka

- Strategic Data Plan committee update
- Process
 - Reviewed survey modernization reports and recommendations; added recommendations from the PHAB Strategic Data Plan subcommittee
 - Reviewed behavioral risk factor surveillance system & other data improvement initiatives within the state public health division
 - Develop and workshopped values for data equity initiatives
- Values
 - Data Justice
 - Data equity
 - Community engagement

- Short term recommendations
 - Accessible data that's community or culturally specific
 - Develop working definitions of actionable data
 - Develop toolkits for data work at all levels of use
 - Data rights & governance
 - Elevate community identified issues
 - Develop a framework to incorporate community develop data
 - Ongoing engagement
- Long term recommendations
 - Invest in different data collection strategies
 - Identify different paradigms of data collection and advocate for future data efforts
 - Improve survey translations
 - Improve communication on survey activities
 - Add community responsive questions to existing surveys
 - Data sovereignty and governance
 - Data collection oversight
 - Develop a workforce that supports data engagement within OHA & with CBOs
- Data Infrastructure Recommendation
 - How it fits
 - Builds on survey modernization recommendation 2018 – 2019
 - Investments in data collection & data quality
 - For Asian, Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Latine, & Pacific Islander communities
 - Community engagement process started 2023
 - Funding
 - Engagement process supported with some state modernization dollars
 - Data infrastructure comprises \$1million of CDC grant
 - Focus:
 - Indirect effects of COVID-19 in BIPOC and tribal communities
 - Highlight community strength
 - Improve state's response to pandemic
 - Invest in improved data for future preparedness
 - What's next
 - Determine funding opportunities

- Set up contracts for deliverables in each of the five communities for CDC funds
- Provide support and ongoing monitoring for contracts
- Stay engaged with steering committee and other community partners over project development cycle

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Presented by Sara Beaudrault

- Proposed October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. Primarily a continuation of current work to build upon successes for public health modernization and Healthier Together Oregon investments.
- Motion to approve block grant. Sarah Present put forth motion. Mike Baker 2nd motion.
 - The motion passed as follows.
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 - Mike Baker - yes
 - Bob Dannenhoffer - yes
 - Veronica Irvin - yes
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 - Kelle Little - yes
 - Nic Powers - yes

Public comment

- No public comment

July meeting agenda items

- No July PHAB meeting on Thursday, July 13th as we will be meeting in person on July 14th for PHAB retreat.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.